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(54) **System and method of capturing encoded data transmitted over a communications network in a video system.**

(57) A video system (10) captures telephone number data (of 26) encoded into video signals (from 14) transmitted over a video network (24) to at least one display device (11). Video signals are received that contain an escape sequence demarcating telephone number data (of 26). The system identifies the escape sequence, and captures the telephone number data. Upon command, dialing data corresponding to the telephone number data are transmitted over a telephone network (18) to initiate a telephone call to the desired party (26).

